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Edward Schwartz, National Affairs
Vice-President
From: Larry Rubin, Educational Affairs
Director
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As you know, I joined the National Student Association because I believed it was working for the students of the U.S., for educational reform, and for the ideal printed on its stationery—"A Free University in a Free Society." NSA, in my opinion, has now forfeited its position as the representative of American students. I have repeatedly discussed my reasons with you.

When the staff first became aware of the forthcoming Ramparts article, you lied to us regarding your own knowledge of the truth about the NSA-CIA relationship. Then, while telling the public, the students, and the staff,

that NSA was severing the relationship with the CIA, you and other NSA officers and associates continued the relationship by holding secret meetings with the CIA and the State Department and by making agreements about responding to the Ramparts revelations.

The fact that these meetings were held, and the fact that NSA now refuses to disclose them to the public, leads me to believe that the Association does not want to make a clean and open break with the CIA. I am convinced that the staff has not yet been told all the details of the deal made with the CIA. I know that it partly involved the lies we told in our release to the press.

I have fought for openness and lost. You have continuously told me that if the Association was completely open about its dealings with the CIA, it would lose government funds and favors, and be destroyed. You have also said that people who have worked with the Association in the past would suffer reprisals. However, I still believe that the only way out is finally to give a full and open disclosure of the insidious nature of the NSA-CIA relationship. The longer we delay, the more people will become caught in the trap.

How can we fight for a "Free University in a Free Society" when we continue to operate in a closed manner?

NSA must make reforms if it wants to become the voice of the American students, but no one power in the Association seems to be willing to make them.

The real evil of the NSA-CIA relationship was that the NSA became dependent on and in part controlled by a group outside of the students themselves. There is little inclination in the Association to break the financial dependency on Government sources. The Association is making little effort to transform itself and become answerable only to its student membership. When I have suggested that NSA depend solely on support from students, you have expressed tremendous distrust of the students' ability to sustain themselves. This attitude makes hypocritical the speeches you have given defending the principle that students should become more involved in decisions affecting their lives.

Few in the Association seem to realize that the NSA-CIA relationship could exist only because of the tightly controlled hierarchical nature of the Association, where only a few people determine programs. What is needed is basic structural reform allowing the majority of students to share in the real decision-making power.

I fought for these things and now conclude NSA will never be able to work for student rights and university reform. I feel bound to resign and carry on my work elsewhere.